THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS. (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The number of persons on the waiting list registered with the LPG distributors of the PSU Oil Companies in the Country was about 126.86 lakhs as on 1.10.1997.

(b) The number of connections released by the PSU Oil Companies during the last three years is as under:

(Figs. in lakhs)

CATEGORY	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Hill Market	4.65	5.46	5.74
Taj Trapezium	1.44	1.59	0.45
Tatkal	0.60	4.78	4.23
General	13.83	11.60	30.99
TOTAL:	20.52	23.43	41.42

(c) and (d) New LPG connections are released in a phased manner throughout the country depending upon the LPG availability, waiting list, slack available with the distributors and their vaiability. The increasing popularity of LPG as domestic cooking gas and subsidised price have led to a very high demand which has resulted in the creation of large waiting list for new LPG connections. This exceeds LPG availability from indigenous production of LPG and possible imports, and therefore, new enrolment plans are drawn up on the basis of LPG availability on a year to year basis.

Plans have been drawn to enrol additional new LPG customers in future years in the country by augmenting LPG availability. The LPG availability from indigenous sources is expected to increase from 3.444 MMT in 1997-98 to 6.873 MMT by the year 2001-02. More import facilities are also being put up to meet the deficit.

Efforts are constantly on to release LPG connections to applicants as early as possible. It has been planned to exhaust entire waiting list throughout the country by 2001-2.

सिंचाई-क्षमता का सृजन

*128. **श्री अखिलेश दास:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में सभी पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं के लिए सिंचाई-क्षमता सृजन का कुल लक्ष्य 86.99 मिलियन हैक्टेयर रखा गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने के लिए छठी, सातवीं और आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं में कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई; और

(घ) सभी पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन के बाद सिंचाई-क्षमता कितनी है और नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में कितनी अतिरिक्त सिंचाई-क्षमता सृजित किए जाने की योजना है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): (क) से (घ) सिंचाई क्षमता के सृजन के लिए योजना-वार लक्ष्यों, इसके अनुरूप वास्तविक उपलब्धि तथा इन लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा व्यय की गई कुल राशि का विवरण नीचे दिये गये अनुसार है:—

योजना	सिंचाई क्षमता का सृजन (मिलियन हेक्टेयर में)		सिंचाई क्षमता के सृजन पर व्यय की गई राशि (करोड़ रुपये में)
	लक्ष्य	उपलब्धि	
प्रथम योजना (1951-56)	6.77	3.66	441.86
दूसरी योजना (1956-61)	8.50	2.82	522.23
तीसरी योजना (1961-66)	6.57	4.49	903.73
वार्षिक योजनाएं (1966-69)	3.53*	3.53	756.00
चौथी योजना (1969-74)	9.60	7.10	1754.58
पांचवीं योजना (1974-78)	13.11	7.82	3147.01
वार्षिक योजनाएं (1978-80)	4.59*	4.59	2580.08
छठी योजना (1980-85)	13.74	8.61	9348.09

योजना	सिंचाई क्षमता का सृजन (मिलियन हेक्टेयर में) लक्ष्य	उपलब्धि	सिंचाई क्षमता के सृजन पर व्यय की गई राशि (करोड़ रुपये में)
सातवीं योजना (1985-90)	12.90	11.31	14225.64
वार्षिक योजनाएं (1990-92)	5.85*	4.56	7139.63
आठवीं योजना (1992-97)	15.80	8.35	27662.34 (अस्थाई)
कुल:	100.96	66.84	68481.19

* लक्ष्य आंकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं है, इसलिए सिंचाई क्षमता के सृजन की वास्तविक उपलब्धि के अनुरूप आंकड़े लक्ष्य आंकड़ों के रूप में लिये गये है। सिंचाई क्षमता के सृजन के लिए नौवीं योजना के लक्ष्यों को योजना आयोग द्वारा अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है।

Leakage of radioactivity from Atomic Power Stations

*129. DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of atomic power stations likely to outlive their life span in near future and steps proposed to be taken to avoid danger of radioactivity likely to emanate from them;

(b) the names of atomic power stations where incidents of leakage of radioactivity occured during the last three years;

(c) whether any study was conducted or is proposed to be conducted to ascertain the effects of radioactivity on families living nearby;

(d) if so, the findings in this regard; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in the light of the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) No atomic power station is likely to outlive its life span in the near future.

(b) and (c) During the last three years an incident of release of radio-activity occured in the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station but this was well within the limits stipulated by the Atomic energy Regulatory Board and hence the question of conducting studies to ascertain its effects on the families living nearby did not arise in particular. However, studies have been conducted by the tata Memorial Hospital on the families of the employees of the Tarapur Atomic Power Station and others located in the area and similar studies have been taken up at all other nuclear power plants.

(d) No harmful effects have been reported by the Tata Memorial Hospital.

(e) Does not arise.

Sino-Indian relations

*130. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to normalaise the Sino-Indian relations in the back-drop of alleged transfer of technology and allied assistance given by China to Pakistan in developing Ghauri missile recently; and

(b) the factors that aggravated the diplomatic crisis arising out of it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) & (b) Government of India remains committed to the development of a friendly, co-operative, good-neighbourly, mutually beneficial relationship with China, our largest neighbour.

In recent years, there has been steady improvement in India-China relations. With a view to promoting mutual understanding and building confidence, and, addressing outstanding issues with a view to finding a mutually acceptable solution, exchanges at the governmental, parliamentary, non-governmental, people-to-people and other levels have been taking place.